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RE: West Santa Ana Branch EIR Northern Alignments Study

Dear Teresa Wong,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am writing on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, regarding which of the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Transit Corridor Route Alternatives should be continued for further study under the Draft Environmental Impact Review process. As a **(organization/ business/ resident/ community member)** in Little Tokyo, I **strongly oppose all four original Northern Alignment options** proposed by Metro (Route Alternatives A, B, C, and D), as well as **strongly oppose Route Alternative F** from the new Northern Alignments.

*[If you have a preference for the route, please state here (“In addition, I would like to state my strong support and preference for Route Alternative \_\_\_\_\_, for the reasons \_\_\_\_\_.”)]*

***Or, if you'd like to follow LTCC's position, please say:***

I would also like to reiterate and endorse the position taken by the Little Tokyo Community Council, which is that LTCC:

- Remains opposed to the original four Northern Alignments (Routes A-D)
- Remains opposed to anything at-grade or aerial on Alameda and Vignes
- Opposes Route F of the new Northern Alignments, and opposes the further study of Route F
- Supports the further study of Route Alternatives E, G, and H (with the condition that H is studied as a fully-realized line that connects to the Red/Purple Line by extending the rail line in lieu of the Division 20 project) from the new Northern Alignments options

***And then if you have a preference for one of the Route Alternatives, please state which one, and why.]***

**[If you are with an organization, business, church/temple, or other LT institution, please describe it here].** As a stakeholder in Little Tokyo, we recognize and value the historical significance of Little Tokyo – which at 134-years-old is the second oldest neighborhood in Los Angeles, and one of three remaining historic Japantowns in the country. We also remind Metro Board and Staff of the decades of encroachment, displacement and destruction our community has undergone – from the unjust mass incarceration of Japanese Americans

during World War II, to the eminent domain of the major hub of Little Tokyo's neighborhood to make way for the 1950s Civic Center expansion, to the destruction of community institutions, residential buildings, and businesses during Redevelopment. We also as a community have suffered through the construction and impacts of Metro's rail lines for at least fifteen years – starting with the Gold Line which was completed in 2009, and the currently under-construction Regional Connector project. The decision being made as to which WSAB Route Alternatives to continue on for further study in the DEIR will determine the future of Little Tokyo. We know that transit projects can bring both opportunities as well as threats, and are particularly worried about how Little Tokyo will continue to endure the impacts of new transit projects.

[What are your specific concerns? For you/your business/organization, etc, for Little Tokyo as a whole. E.g. construction, construction methods, traffic impacts, station placement, alignment routes, gentrification, rising rents, business displacement, hyper-development, etc. What do you want? What is in the best interests of you, and Little Tokyo as a whole?]

[Do you have any questions that you want Metro to answer and respond to?]

Again, I urge Metro staff and board to not include the Route Alternatives A, B, C, D, and F forward for further study under the Draft Environmental Impact Review process. I stand with the Little Tokyo community and agree that these Alignment would be harmful and impactful to the future of our historic neighborhood. I may be reached at [PHONE] or [email] for further questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[name]

[Little Tokyo affiliation]

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